

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The sole purpose of the Idaho Healthcare Transparency Act is to empower Idaho citizens with information regarding healthcare quality and cost. This act takes existing model language from around the country. Idahoans are facing increasingly rising medical costs with no end in sight. Data analytics are a powerful tool that has had sweeping success across America and is used in measuring success and identifying areas of improvement within both private sector and government entities. This legislation puts forth patient protections in the form of best billing practices utilized across the nation. It also directs that a website and mobile application be developed by an outside vendor via our state RFP process. The purpose of the website is to give Idaho citizens a chance to shop and compare prices on the 50 most common inpatient and outpatient non-surgical procedures, as well as the 25 most common inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures from all hospitals and surgical centers in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

The initial cost is projected at no more than \$1,700,000, with ongoing maintenance costs to be determined by the contracted vendor.

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